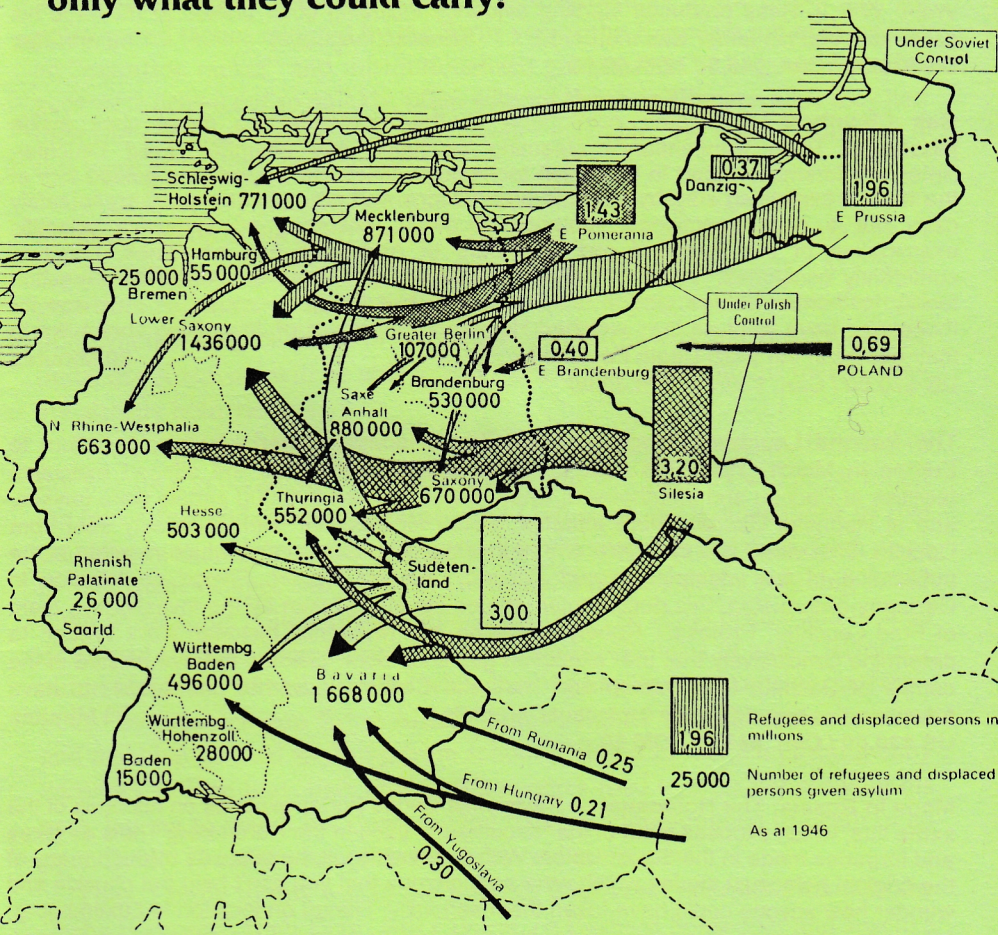
Ethnic Cleansing: Then and Now

Between 15 and 17 Million Germans were ethnically cleansed, and forced to abandon their homes with only what they could carry!



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by Ernst Zündel

Like many people the world over, I have been wondering: What could possibly have possessed the leaders of the "Western World" to go after Milosevic - and why did they decide on their ill-advised Balkan adventure?

I made myself some notes from a NATO briefing, April 2, 1999, 8:15 am. where Jamie Shea, NATO spokesman, said something to the effect that the policies and tactics adopted by the Serbs versus the Kosovars are nothing but an "extortion racket" and :institutionalized gangsterism" - because the refugees were driven out so quickly, often without shoes, in slippers, after they had their life's savings confiscated, their jewelry taken etc. He made it sound as if this were a "first"!

I shudder every time I see Jamie Shea, with his arrogant, asinine smirk on his face, step up to the microphone in Brussels to put yet one more time a good moral spin unto a murderous campaign of aerial terror bombing. My heart goes out to all those at the receiving end of this campaign of selective destruction, whether they be Serbs or Kosovars - for before this war is over, neither Serbs nor Kosovars will be able to call themselves victors in this mess. They are already both victims.

I have my own perspective of what is going on in that war, as do many of my war-time generation. I was a child in World War II, and I will never forget the terror, fear and the bone-chilling cold I felt when my mother shook us five children awake, night after night, as the air raid sirens wailed their death dirge in the distant villages and towns of Germany. I remember the bombing of our town when some Allied airman missed the target of some bridge and instead destroyed some civilian homes. I also remember the tales of naked terror my mother told me - of being strafed while loading hay on a cart outside our farmhouse by machine-gun firing Allied "Jabos', fighter bombers, who bombed and machine-gunned anything from school children to women pushing baby carriages to lone bicyclists riding on a country road to a farmer plowing his acre, having to watch his slow-moving oxen machine-gunned to death in an open field! Those are not pleasant childhood memories!

Thus, I bring to this war in the Balkans a different interpretation than the "baby boomers" Tony Blair, Bill Clinton, or Gerhard Schroeder and Joschka Fischer, the Western world's leftist leaders, all of whom have an appointment with destiny with this war - for this Balkan adventure of theirs is not some Hollywood Rambo film or exciting video game. This is real life, involving real people and the vital interests of important nations in a region which is

peopled by unpredictable and volatile ethnic, religious and cultural groups. Only fools would rush in where angels fear to tread.

Right from the outset, let's get some basic facts straight. What we are seeing in Central, Southern and Eastern Europe is NATURE asserting itself! It's nature's truth against the lies and schemes of men - in this case, evil men!

"Yugoslavia", that multi-ethnic hybrid and totally artificial entity created by out-of-touch, effete snobs, the spoiled aristocratic offspring of a bygone imperialist era between the two world wars, was doomed from the beginning. I might add here: Just like two other artificial creations were doomed, Czechoslovakia and Poland, a collection of states that had the same sinister midwives and suffered the same totally deserved demise as Yugoslavia did since - and even up to a point, the Communist behemoth to the East.

What the baby boomers and their secret society handlers are conveniently trying to sweep under the rug, for it is devastating to their cause of Babylonian multi-ethnic cosmopolitan constructs - is simply this: Europe has been trying to shake off these arbitrarily drawn, artificial political borders for the whole of this century!

And now - guess what? The world is watching it on television screens and on the Internet! Unlike old conflicts of the past, this is a different ball game!

Ultimately, if one digs deep enough, WWI and WWII, and even the period since and increasingly again now, have always had ethnic (some call it racial) components. Those who concocted the abomination called Yugoslavia after the collapse of the Turkish occupation of the Balkans, and after World War I, created these in-the-long-run non-viable multi-ethnic states in the Balkans, including Czechoslovakia and Poland. They, and they alone, are really to blame for this mess and all this predictable ethnic strife, bloodshed and suffering. Their snobbish refusal to accept the reality of ethnic pride, history, culture, and the power of religion got the world into this mess! Not just Milosevic!

The victorious Allies knew this and conspired together in Yalta, but especially in Potsdam, on the most brutal campaign of ethnic cleansing the world has ever known in recorded history, in order to cover their crimes, their guilt and their tracks, caused by the expulsion of approximately 17 million Germans from their ancestral homelands in Central and Eastern Europe - from the Baltic to the Balkans, from Russia to the Sudetenland - where these proud, diligent, self-disciplined ethnic people had lived, toiled and created stable, productive regions for centuries, in some areas almost a thousand years!

America, England, France and Soviet Russia all conspired to do this evil deed, and all were active planners and executors of this most brutal crime in human history. Those of us, especially the wartime European generation, who did not get spoon-fed on the intellectual pablum of Hollywood or CNN sound bytes - we recall this crime vividly! There is hardly one among us whose family was not touched, in one way or another, by this greatest ethnic cleans-

ing crime in history!

I note with quiet rage the oily hypocrisy of the talking heads on the TV screens in their too-tightly-fitting uniforms or their carefully groomed, hairspray-fixed hairdos, their effeminate gestures with their polished fingernails, their Pierre Cardin suits, Gucci ties and loafers, as they talk detachedly about their "air campaign" - pretty word! - which destroys from 15,000 feet height the cultural treasures, buildings, bridges and infrastructure of a whole region of Europe, slowly and painstakingly built by countless people for many generations, brick upon brick, over a thousand years! Anger and impotent fury are the only feelings I can muster when I hear the soulless babble of countless politicians, active or retired military officers and media pundits offering their facile, flawed analyses from five thousand miles away in their air conditioned offices of television studios in New York, Atlanta and Los Angeles.

They have one thing in common - every single one of them! They mouth off about "ethnic cleansing." Yet they studiously ignore and deliberately sweep under the rug the greatest and most vicious and, unfortunately so far, also the most successful campaign of ethnic cleansing - namely the one of the Germans in all parts of Eastern Europe after 1944, when the fortunes of war turned against Germany.

Make no mistake: This was a policy promulgated by all those who scream the loudest now and carry on about the crime of "ethnic cleansing" today!

Up-front, the perpetrators were the Bolshevik Soviets who had lots of experience in genocidal campaigns against classes and ethnic groups in their slave empire, created and erected at bayonet and gunpoint, with the massive help of New York and other Western bankers and governments. Churchill and Roosevelt knew about Stalin's criminal, genocidal ethnic and cultural/ religious extermination campaigns. Churchill even wrote about the evils of Bolshevism in one of the largest British newspapers, the Illustrated Sunday Herald, as early as 1920. Yet he willingly allied himself with this evil power, and even helped promulgate these criminal "ethnic cleansing" policies, advocated as far back as the Teheran, Casablanca, Yalta and Potsdam conferences, which led to the deaths of three million German people at least - and this after the shooting had stopped!

These days, it is fashionable for the Western/NATO Allies to have their history conveniently start in 1948, after their murderous blueprint of raping, robbing, expelling and killing 17 million Germans had been successfully completed. It might be a fashionable and expedient tactic, but this crime is now coming back to haunt them. There is ample pictorial and written, even filmed documentation about British involvement in the training and equipping of Tito's murderous gangs of cutthroat Communist Partisans. Hundreds of thousands of ethnic German civilians paid with their lives in the Balkans, and more mil-

lions elsewhere in Europe, because of this policy of deliberate ethnic murder, advocated and sanctioned by London, Washington and Moscow. Today, these Yugoslavs take their cues from the most competent, bestial and cold-hearted murderers in World War II, the Bolshevik Soviets. Yesterday's bosom buddies and allies, comrades in arms, have now become NATO's enemies!

What makes the Allies' guilt and responsibility so much greater is the fact that while they actively planned and executed this Holocaust against 17 million Germans, they were drawing up plans in rigged Nuremberg War Crimes Trials to finish off Germany's leaders for allegedly engaging in exactly these policies. Talk about hypocrisy! In the end, the Allies judicially murdered the German military and civilian elite in one-sided kangaroo court proceedings, against which there was no appeal - where they supplied the accusations, where the brutal interrogators framed the charges, supplied the prosecutors and the judges and, in the end, the hangman to boot! And then they controlled the media by military censors for years to come in Germany and Europe! They callously condemned men who, had they lived, could have borne witness to a different truth in fair proceedings!

Even while the German leaders went to the gallows, heads held high, the roads of Eastern and Southern Europe were full of women, children and old people who were raped, robbed, beaten, starved and massacred by murderous gangs of cutthroats, bandits and gangsters roaming the countryside - from the Baltic to the Adriatic Seas! - while the Western press covered up this horrendous crime through their silence. To this day, for this crime there has been no apology, no recognition, no penance, no compensation, nothing! Not one guilty murderer has faced a court! No rapist or robber has ever been charged!

Instead, there has been a 50-year-long concerted campaign by all the murderers and their descendants to blame the victims, the decimated, hapless Germans, who had spent the flower of their manhood in trying to save an undeserved, spoiled, rotten European continent from the scourges of barbaric Bolshevism - now known to many, and feared by many, as the New World Order. What makes me infinitely sad is that the German vassals in power since WWII, installed as puppets by the Western and Eastern Allies, would be so soulless and so utterly thoughtless and without shame or sense of history to be involved in the current campaign of ruthless destruction.

I say this not because I love Serbs - or ignore some of their activities! I simply say: The Germans above all should have stayed out of this mess the Allies brought on themselves, for the end result was a foregone conclusion! The real war time criminals knew exactly what they were doing to the Germans - and now the chickens are coming home to roost! I believe in Karma - and their Karma is merely catching up with them! The whole lot of them!

There are now signs that those who so cruelly and without justification

dispossessed hundreds of thousands of Germans in that region at the end of WWII and after - in other words, the thieves, rapists and murderers - are now finally being deprived by fire and sword, with cruise missiles and bombs of their ill-gotten gains. All the goods - furniture, paintings, enterprises, homes, factories etc. - they stole from those productive German elements in Yugoslavia are, if not already in ruins, going to be reduced to rubble by the time the murderous, destructive campaign by NATO is over. Karma is taking place! Some of the old-timers who had a hand in blowing up German trains, machine-gunning convoys or planting mines, kidnapping and mutilating German soldiers and civilians, will learn by the time this conflict has run its course what it felt like to be victimized by such brutal policies. Lots of people are being taught things they would rather have left hidden - and will still learn more valuable lessons in history. Do not do unto others what you would not have others do unto you!

Already I see in the American media that American military planners are reaching back into the history of World War II campaigns and actually are trotting out Hitler's brilliantly conceived and executed plans, reluctantly admiring how he fought his campaign against the ethnic cleansing with lightning-like, swift ground force moves in the Balkans. It is not lost on these modern military planners that Hitler managed to subdue the entire region with a minimum of destruction of property, infrastructure and, above all, lives, and virtually no dislocation of people, in less time it has taken murderous NATO-bombers to do - what? Brag in the media, bars and whorehouses of Aviano and Tirana that they can wipe out car- and chemical factories and ancient bridges and towns, and bomb innocent civilians at will?

It revolts me as a European white male to be so powerless to stop this insanity - and that all I have to fight back with are my pen and my words!

I have done weeks of study into this conflict. I must admit that at first I was confused by what I was seeing and hearing and did not think that I could trust my eyes and ears. There seemed to be no rhyme or reason to this seemingly senseless destruction.

Only this week did NATO's true aims become clear. Jamie Shea, NATO's spokesman in Brussels, finally came out and said it: What was at stake in Yugoslavia was the upholding of multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-religious societies and, thus, modern states, in the next century and the new millennium!

The mandate is now clear: The forces of anti-nature, of artificiality, of constructs born out of the secret societies concepts of "Liberte, Egalité, Fraternité", which have created all these problems in Europe and, for that matter, in colonial Africa, have to be preserved and upheld - at gunpoint and by the crosshairs of bomb sights.

Milosevic is now the loudly-proclaimed "villain" - the new Hitler-of-the-Day, like Saddam yesterday and Khadafi before him. Milosevic, this known

Marxist apparatchik was perfectly acceptable to the New World Order brass as long as his repression and crimes were to "preserve and protect" the artificially created hodgepodge called Yugoslavia.

He became unacceptable when he proclaimed Serbia for Serbians - in other words, after he had an ethnic wake-up call on his visit to Kosovo in 1993, when he was confronted in person, in real life, on the ground, unshielded by glossed-over bureaucratic reports by Secret Police Communist apparatchiks that historically-so-pregnant-with-meaning for the Serbs Kosovo, where only a hundred years ago the majority of the people had been Serbian, was now lost due to the "high birth rate" Albanians.

This must have been quite a shock for the ingrained Communist, steeped in Marxist egalitarianism and its high sounding phrases of proletarian brotherhood and with its seductive but unrealistic concepts and internal ethnic realities and contradictions! IMilosevic is undoubtedly stunned by the West's almost psychopathic reaction and murderous behavior. He could not have foreseen it. After all, he was no stranger to "ethnic cleansings." He had known of the Tito Partisans' treatment of the Germans and seen ethnic cleansing all around him. For years! What he did not realize was that one ethnic cleansing in favor of Communism's and Secret Societies' multi-cult ideology, or one against fascist ideology and its supposed German carrier population, was lauded, allowed, supported even, and utterly politically correct - but ethnic nationalism for the Serbs? For a Serbian ethno-state? Boy! That was a no-no!

So the war in Kosovo is not really about Human Rights. If that had been the case, then the NATO jets ought to be bombing the hell out of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and all those armed villages the Israelis have established to subdue the native Palestinian populations in Palestine!

NATO jets, by rights, should then also be blasting British positions in Northern Ireland. They ought to be bombing the French Foreign Legion bases in Corsica, the Spanish police stations and army garrisons in the Basque region of Spain. NATO's planes should be blasting Turkish cities, Turkish army convoys and air fields in the Kurdish area of Turkey - or even airports near Antwerp and Brussels, where Flemish Nationalists, only a few kilometers away from NATO headquarters, have asked for autonomy and a separate Flemish state for decades. These Aryans want the breakup of the artificial construct of Belgium with its smorgasbord minorities!

So the war in Kosovo is all about upholding and bringing about the victory of the New World Order. The cat is now clearly out of the bag!

It is fitting that an expanded NATO would now be the instrument of choice for the New World Order crowd. Their other instrument of control and artificial pipe dream, the United Nations, has failed them too often lately. The many little nations in the UNO, often based on tribal borders, think too much

like Milosevic and his Serbs. These people have not had the "benefit" of a hundred years of liberal brainwashing inflicted on the far-removed-from-reality Western crowd of arrogant but woefully ignorant Baby Boomers. Their elites are not yet so far removed from the realities of life and ethnic differences that they cannot appreciate what's happening in Kosovo! Hell, even in faraway paradisical Fiji did the population, through its military, rise up in the late 1980s, when they found out that in their own country the faster-breeding Indians, who had been brought as plantation workers by the British less than a century ago, were dislocating and displacing the native Fijians in their own ancestral island.

China and Russia, of course, have similar ethnic conflicts and problems within their own borders. We in the West, held in ignorance by our own masters in the controlled media and government, do not realize that China has large restive ethnic and linguistic minorities within its borders, Tibetans being only the most visible ones. Russia did it to Chechens in the South and in other areas of its vast former empire during the last century - campaign after campaign of ethnic cleansing. - of which, once again, the ethnic minorities (Mennonites, Volga Germans and Germans in other regions) were the chief but deliberately forgotten victims, along with the Cossacks in the Crimea and people of the Caucasus.

So if NATO's murderous campaign is successful and becomes the New World Order's signal that no homogeneous, ethnic-based states are acceptable to the New World Order brass, then many a NATO alliance member could one day see his country at the receiving end of such murderous campaigns of meddling in their internal affairs. After all - it was not so very long ago that today's Kosovo "Liberation Army" was called a "Terrorist Organization" by U.S. officials! Who says that Turkey will not be a target, when you consider how they allegedly treat the Kurds? Who says that Israel could not be targeted when the mood finally swings to a more honest and balanced assessment of the Jewish statelet actions against their ethnically cleansed Palestinians in the corridors of power in the West?

So is the Balkan area really a riddle wrapped in an enigma? Hardly.

There are undoubtedly other considerations and peripheral issues that will impact on this NATO war. Let me enumerate a few.

1.Never underestimate the influence of the powerful industrial military complex of Western democracies with their powerful lobby influence on law- and policy makers. The entire bomb arsenals of NATO and the USA will be severely depleted. Billions and billions of dollars will be spent on replacing all the spent cruise missiles and worn-out jet bombers and fighters. Jets and bombers are sophisticated machines and have only a limited life span and need to be

replaced at high costs. If this campaign continues at the present rate, the working people of the Western world will soon have to pay for it through ever higher taxes to rebuild their arsenals and to help rebuild what's left of Kosovo and Serbia.

2. Do not underestimate the greed by the military establishments of most Western nations to try out their sophisticated high-tech hardware and to give their soldiers and airmen a taste of real battle-field experience.

3.Do not underestimate the hunger and need for billion dollar contracts, handed out to huge multi-national conglomerates and construction companies to rebuild all the bridges, roads, railways, airports, towns, houses, power stations, factories, oil refineries and chemical plants after the war is over in Yugoslavia. By participating in the slaughter, NATO Alliance members are guaranteeing themselves a place at the feeding trough. Guess who will pay for it?

4. There might also be buried in NATO flexing its muscle a not-so-hidden warning to the Red Army, which is still very much a power factor if not the biggest single threat to the current secret societies' gangster-run system in power in Russia, the message being: "Be careful! Do not putsch against Yeltsin and his crowd!" The message might well be: "Look what we can do to you if you should dare to try to shake your monkey off your back - we with our stealth and B-2 bombers operating from bases as far away as England and even South Carolina! We will bomb you back into the stone age with impunity!"

5. Don't underestimate the fact that NATO has expanded to the East. If the campaign against the Serbs should be successful, and tens of thousands if not hundreds of thousands of US and NATO ground troops should be permanently based in Yugoslavia or what remains of it, that must be perceived as a threat by the Russians at their border. After all, that would put hostile forces into an area where there were no hostile forces to Russia for over half a century after the German Wehrmacht left in 1944. That will have consequences!

6. At present, Western planners count on Russia's current impotence. Russia always was a giant - with clay feet, to be sure, but a giant nonetheless! Who is to say that genuine volunteers will not leave Russia by the tens of thousands to help their Slavic brothers in their hour of need - on the ground, with a Kalaznikov over their shoulder, where this struggle will ultimately be resolved?

7. Take also into the equation that Eastern Central and Southern Europeans have an endurance and capacity to suffer and take setbacks and punishment unfathomable for the spoiled, mollycoddled, video-game-playing, Coca Cola drinking "modern armies" of the West. All they need is a common theme, a common goal not yet articulated clearly by any political movement or leaders in the region - and the West might regret its ill-advised action.

So what is to be done? I take no pleasure in the following. I am not privy to all the intelligence analysis available to the NATO planners and to President Clinton and his advisors. I base my thoughts on what I have learned from studying history books, memoirs, articles and what I read and see and hear daily in the controlled press - and such study allows only speculative advice at best.

In my opinion, the only quick solution for the West, now that they embarked on this scheme, would be a putsch engineered by Yugoslav Army officers - undoubtedly with whom they already have contacts - from within the current power structure, much like it was done by those who toppled Ceausescu in Rumania. The scenario would look something like this:

A group of Army officers putsch and take Milosevic and some of his ministers prisoners. Other ministers and military commanders join them. They offer to turn Milosevic and family plus cronies over to them as war criminals. They contact NATO and call for a total cease fire. They immediately begin a troop withdrawal from Kosovo - all along accepting the conditions of Ramboulett and allowing an international peace-keeping force in, without opposition on the ground.

NATO and the Clinton administration would leap at such an offer so fast it would make the world's head spin! By now, these war mongers are looking for any way out, for the specter of having to send in their motley non-battle-tested troops of 19 different countries' armies into actual combat must be a nightmare for any military planner!

Since the Albanian-Kosovars will have nothing to return to by that time except rubble, many will choose to stay in the more civilized countries and less violence-prone societies of Germany, France, England, Canada and America, for even life as refugees will be far better than what they left behind. Many of them will reinforce the already existing drug smuggling rings run by Albanian thugs in Western countries.

Kosovo will be split up. There will be hundreds of thousands fewer Albanians/Moslems in the region, and the low birth-rate Kosovo Serb population will not feel as threatened by the population explosion. The pro-Marxist KLA will be involved in the government of a "statelet" of Kosovo, a poor country which will take decades to be supported by the West and will take ages to dig itself out from under the rubble.

Should that scenario not take place, and should Milosevic hang tough and hang in there by laying low long enough for various splits in NATO to develop - which will take place as soon as the TV images of weeping Kosovar refugees are replaced by body bags and flag-draped coffins coming home - a whole new scenario could develop.

Based on history and what German soldiers and civilians, Croats and Hun-

garians have told me about Serbian toughness and proverbial cruelty as guerrilla fighters, a second Vietnam is possible. It will be bloodier than the first! The terrain and population are ideally suited for that kind of warfare!

Only a quick overthrow of Milosevic from within can save NATO and ultimately the USA from a very costly and painful experience! All that talk about "avoiding another Holocaust" is crap! Rhetoric and nothing else!

I am no military man. However, I can read and think and draw some obvious conclusions. As a German who has studied earnestly and tried to understand what happened in the years of 1933-1945, I conclude as follows:

1. In the last analysis, this NATO war is a vindication of Adolf Hitler's policies. The difference is that Hitler did what he did for the right reasons, whereas NATO does it for the wrong reasons. German ethnic minority existence in the Balkans and other parts of Eastern Europe was one of constant humiliation, deprivation, insecurity and persecution and even physical extermination - while the fatherland or motherland of Germans, Germany proper, was weak and militarily powerless. From 1919 - 1939, millions of Germans were forced to flee and leave behind all that their ancestors had built and created over centuries of hard work in Poland, the Baltic States, Soviet Russia and Czechoslovakia - and to a lesser extent, the Balkans. Diplomacy got very little relief or improvements for these Germans trapped in those countries! Hitler tried, but ultimately failed, to get justice for them the diplomatic route route and by moral persuasion, appeals by him for fairness and decency to various bodies and governments failed hopelessly. Everyone was deaf to the plight of those unfortunate trapped German people - millions and millions of them!

2. Hitler was only able to give these Germans protection by military force - which was why war ultimately came to Europe. When tens of thousands of Germans were killed in Poland in an orgy of ethnic chauvinism, only Hitler's swift, massive and decisive action on the ground, in the air, and by sea, put an effective end to the untenable situation and genocidal actions against the ethnic Germans. Hitler's takeover of the Sudetenland, and later the Balkans, in equally swift, decisive actions by land and air forces saved millions of lives for both sides blinded by ethnic rivalries caused by generations of skirmishes and problems, turf wars, envy and chauvinism.

3. Hitler achieved these pacification campaigns with a minimum of destruction of property and loss of life, compared to later attempts by the Allies in Korea, Malaysia, Algiers, Vietnam etc. The Western World would do well to learn the lessons of the Hitler times. Ask the Germans from the East, or from Yugoslavia, Hungary, Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia about their fates and their experiences. Only an overwhelming, quick German Blitzkrieg campaign saved them - and even their enemies. Ask them also what happened to them,

once the German forces - in other words, their sword and shield, the German military might - was no longer there. The mass murders, rape, robbing, persecution and expulsion began and continued until most Germans and other nationalities were dispossessed, driven out, reduced to insignificant numbers, in labor camps, or dead. Are there lessons for today's military and political leaders? You bet!

4. The Western media have so demonized Hitler and his government that they have shut themselves off from the valuable lessons and thus the only effective options open to them. We, today's generations, could learn from those times. What do these lessons mean? Do they really mean the following - that all you have to do is to wipe out and drive out your enemies? Take possessions of their lands and property? Rename the streets, the towns and the provinces in the ethnically cleansed captured areas like the Sudetenland, Silesia, East Prussia, the Banat etc? Level their graveyards - and accuse them shrilly and forever of having been "war criminals" with a murderous ideology and gas chambers in their hearts? Bomb them back into the stone age, destroy their morale, try and hang their leaders? And then, let's not forget, rewrite their history and, to make sure that they will never see the truth, install vassal governments who will persecute and jail all those who remember their real history as well as their real past?

In other words, you can succeed if you are NATO or some communist regime - but only if you can destroy Revisionism and Revisionists.

Which is why we fight on!

For 17 days, the Allied leaders wined and dined in the palace at Potsdam, bloated and gorged on the food and drink of the conquered Germans, while they sealed the fate of almost 17 million Germans who were driven from their ancestral homelands, fleeing with only what they could carry. Millions died — the world kept silent.

A Century of Achievement and Injustice

by Franz von Kerney

Around the turn of the century, in the halcyon days before the outbreak of the First World War, many Danube Swabian (ethnic German) communities in the Hungarian half of the Austro-Hungarian dual-monarchy celebrated the bicentennial of their founding. In 1683, at the momentous Battle of Vienna, their German forefathers helped deal the invading Ottoman Turks the crushing blow which stopped the Islamic encroachment into Central Europe. In the following three decades their ancestors also served in the armies of Prince Eugen that liberated Hungary from 150 years of Turkish subjugation. Discharged German soldiers, who were familiar with the country were among the first to settle in the recovered territory, much of which was an uninhabited marshland.

After the final peace treaty was signed and the Hapsburgs were in full possession of all of Hungary, Magyar magnates who had done little of the fighting (85% of the troops were German, and they had won all the major battles) quickly claimed the best land for themselves. The rest was deemed to be crown land belonging to the king. Years of Turkish misrule had greatly decimated Hungary's native population. The common people were mostly serfs who did as they were told by their master. They were not free to leave his service. In any case, the Austrian court did not even consider them as potential colonists. There were not enough of them for one thing, and besides, they were thought to be unreliable, having neither the knowledge nor the inclination to till the soil on their own.

To forestall further Turkish incursions into Hungary the Viennese Imperial Council inaugurated a great colonization scheme to "impopulate" the deserted lowlands. On the recommendation of Prince Eugen, agents were sent to the Hapbsburg hereditary lands in the West to recruit suitable colonists. Promised free land, establishment credits, and personal freedom "for all time" by the respected House of Hapsburg, thousands of Germans migrated to Hungary between 1683 and 1790 and took up homesteads in the inhospitable, malaria-infested lowlands along the Middle Danube and its tributaries. Strictly speaking, by moving from one jurisdiction of their ruling house to another they didn't immigrate, but merely changed domicile within the domain of their emperor/king. More than two thirds of the original German settlers died from malaria. But the indomitable spirit of the tough survivors, the ancestors of the Danube Swabians, eventually

prevailed over the elements. By unremitting toil and uncommon expertise three generations of Danube Swabians transformed what had been a soggy wasteland since time immemorial into lush pastures, cultivated fields, orchards and vineyards.

German colonists established over 1,000 unique agricultural villages in the lowlands. Conceived in Vienna, these 18th century model communities were intentionally scattered throughout the vast Danubian Plain in the hope that the work habits of the Danube Swabians would be emulated by other ethnic groups. The Germans greatly influenced social change in the region and their contribution to the development of urban centers is incalculable. The 200 year sojourn of the Danube Swabians in royal Hungary was marked by years of political stability and steady progress. Their unbounded tolerance enabled them to live in peace for many generations among some of the most diverse and volatile peoples in Europe. That in itself was a major achievement, reason enough to give thanks and to rejoice.

Unfortunately, the 20th century has not been kind to the Danube Swabians. Their inevitable demise began in 1905 when the Hungarian Ministry of Education disallowed the teaching of any language other than Hungarian in the country's primary schools, thus depriving all non-Magyar ethnic groups in the country of the right to be educated in their own tongue. In the case of the Germans, i.e., Danube Swabians, this right had been guaranteed them by Emperor Charles IV early in the 18th century. But in 1905 Franz Josef, who was Emperor of Austria as well as King of Hungary, could not, or would not, interfere in the internal affairs of the dual-monarchy's parliaments. The Magyars, who made up just 48% of the population of the country thus forced all the other nationalities (52%) to be educated in the Hungarian language. As a result, a whole generation of Danube Swabian children learned to read and write in a language most did not understand. They could read Hungarian but did not understand the words, and they wrote in their German dialect using Hungarian phonetics. This form of written communication made little sense to a German from Germany, and none at all to a Hungarian. Still, it was readily understood by those who were familiar with it.

Furthermore, intense pressure was put on all non-Magyar ethnic groups to adopt Hungarian names. It was impossible to get a government job or-to represent Hungary in the recently revived Olympic Games without first adopting a Hungarian name. The German-speaking community in pre-World War One Hungary lost many of its intellectuals through this process. It one digs into the ethnic background of Hungary's interationally-known

personalities one is apt to discover that many, if not the majority, are at least partly of German stock.

Throughout the Great War Allied statesmen never failed to pay lip service to the principle of self-determination for the peoples of Austria-Hungary. After they had won the war, however, principles and the promises they had made were conveniently forgotten and the hopes and aspirations of the subject peoples, except for a few favored ones, were completely ignored. Ostensibly "to make the world safe for democracy" these disreputable men caused the dismemberment of Austria-Hungary, a model, though by no means a perfect pluralistic state. The hereditary homeland of the Danube Swabians was arbitrarily partitioned.

Only about a third remained within the truncated Kingdom of Hungary, now a kingdom without a king: The rest was awarded to two royal dictators, the kings of Romania and the newly created Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (called Yugoslavia since 1929).

Both had been nominal allies of the victors, and this was their reward for helping to get the war underway.

Danube Swabians were particularly hard hit by the border changes, for these ran right through the heart of their settlements, causing untold hardship for all concerned. The new frontiers cut family ties, severed neighborhoods, kept farmers from their fields and producers from traditional markets. In some cases schools and churches were separated from their communities. Instead of being nominal equals in a multinational state where no ethnic group formed a majority, the Danube Swabians became involuntary second class citizens of three chauvinistic, mutually distrustful states. Due to their small numbers; 7% of the total population of Hungary, 4.7% in Yugoslavia, and 3.2% in Romania, not to mention their own complacency and indifference to politics, the political clout of the Danube Swabians in these countries was practically nil.

They worked hard, obeyed the law, paid their taxes, and never complained — just the type of people repressive regimes thrive on.

Between the two World Wars the Danube Swabians of Hungary, Yugoslavia and Romania were political midgets. But on the economic front, particularly in agriculture, they were giants, consistently outproducing the "state people" by a wide margin.

In 1940, for example, the 1,200 dairy cooperatives of Hungary processed approximately 1.85 million hectoliters of milk, 40% of which came from the German communities that made up 7% of the country's population. In

the same year, besides providing for local domestic use, the German ethnic groups shipped 73,500,000 liters of unprocessed milk. The rest of the population came up with 111,700,000 liters. In other words the average Hungarian delivered 97 liters of milk per cow per year, while his German counterpart delivered 1,278 liters, thirteen times as much. The disparity in other agricultural products was just as great, or even greater.

It is evident from available information that in pre-war World War II Yugoslavia the average yield for grain crops in the counties of the Voivodina rose in direct proportion to the number of Danube Swabians living within their boundaries. Batscka county with its preponderance of Danube Swabians was the largest producer of hemp in Yugoslavia, and the third largest in Europe. Over 95% of the hackling works and 75% of the hemp factories belonged to Danube Swabians. In the years just prior to World War 11 the Danube Swabians accounted for over 40 million dollars in hemp exports, which would be at least ten times as much today. At that time Yugoslavia was one of the world's major exporters of hemp Where does it rank today?

Statistically speaking, each German in Yugoslavia provided for his family's locally produced food needs, plus enough to feed five People in the country, and-five more in the export market. Prior to the war the German ethnic group annually accounted for over 67% of Yugoslavia's total agricultural exports. Not bad for a people who made up only 4.7% Of the country's population.

In Romania, where the Danube Swabians were 3.2% of the population, the situation was much the same. In 1938 the Danube Swabians of Banat exported 7,100 tonnes of hogs, or 59% of the country's total. In 1941 the German agricultural cooperatives headquartered around Temeschburg (now Timisoara) exported 7,600 tonnes of wheat, 9,700 tonnes of potatoes, 8,500 tonnes of assorted vegetables, 5,700 tonnes of vegetable oils, 95 tonnes of medicinal herbs, 35 tonnes of lucerne (alfalfa) seed, 460 tonnes of dressed poultry, 5.4 million eggs and 3,000 hectoliters of wine. For every hog the Romanian farmer sold on the market, the German hog producer sold twenty. The difference in other marketable agricultural was similar. At that time the Wallachian peasants (Ethnic Romanians living in the part of Romania not acquired from Hungary) had hardly progressed beyond a subsistence economy.

That there were production inequities between Danube Swabians and the other ethnic groups among whom they lived is acknowledged by most people who are aware of the facts. Even their detractors in former homelands

now ruefully admit that between the two World Wars the Danube Swabians were the mainstay of the agricultural economies of Hungary, Romania and Yugoslavia.

Considering their outstanding agricultural output it never failed to rankle Danube Swabians when some cocky migrant herdsman from Wallachia, or wherever, taunted them with the banal assertion "You are eating our bread. Adopt our ways, speak our language, or go back where you came from!" Even though they knew nothing of the statistics it was clear to everyone familiar with the work habits of certain ethnic groups that just the opposite was true. The Danube Swabians ate no one's bread. More likely than not others were eating "their" bread. As for going back where they came from, the ancestors of the Danube Swabians were pioneers on Hapsburg territory recovered from the Turkish sultan. Since this land had never been inhabited they displaced no one. Furthermore they had been in the region at least two centuries before any of the recently arrived "state people". Reproach, and ethnic slurs by petty officials of the majority group were commonplace in these intolerant societies. Over the years Danube Swabians became inured to them. To avoid confrontation they were inclined to turn the other cheek and would go about their business as if nothing had been said.

The relative prosperity of the Danube Swabians no doubt aroused the envy of the less progressive elements of the ethnic majority. They coveted the land that the blood, sweat and tears generations of Danube Swabians had lavished upon it to turn it into the verdant and provident garden it had become. The outcome of the Second World War presented the Communist governments in these countries with a golden opportunity to rob the Danube Swabians of their personal possessions and their land.

When the victorious Allies met at Potsdam just after World War Two to divide the world between them they sanctioned the "orderly and humane" expulsion of some 17,000,000 million Germans, not only from Germany's ancient eastern territories, but also from the many German ethnocultural enclaves in other countries. Some of these had been established for over 800 years. To make Central and Eastern Europe safe for Communism, and to help enslave millions of people, the Western Powers agreed to uproot ethnic Germans from long-established homes and farms in countries where they had lived in peace for many generations. These people had harmed no one. Prior to the war they had little contact with Germany and were in no way responsible for the outbreak or conduct of the war. In fact no one in authority accused them of anything other than being of German stock. Still, these innocent, utterly defenseless people became the scapegoats who bore

the brunt of the hatreds engendered by the war. Three million ethnic Germans, victims of the Potsdam "peace" lost their lives in mass expulsions, deportations, public massacres, and in Yugoslavia — officially sanctioned genocide!

The cruel expulsion of ethnic Germans and the consequent equally cold-hearted relocation of Slavic peoples into lands the Germans were forced to vacate at gunpoint caused the greatest mass migration of human beings in European history. It drastically altered the traditional ethnocultural makeup of the continent. Despite its enormity, this event, as significant in its probable future repercussions as the war itself, has been a taboo subject in the Western media. One wonders why? Especially since North American TV, the educational medium of the unquestioning masses, panders to certain groups which seem to have a monopoly on suffering and are able to broadcast their version of past wrongs to the exclusion of most others.

The Communist — sorry, the People's Democracies of Eastern Europe, even those whose previous governments had been allies of Hitler, were quick to take advantage of the Potsdam Agreement to rid themselves of their defenseless German minorities. Hungary deported half its 600,000 ethnic Germans to war ravaged Germany. It would have deported them all had not the Americans stopped the flow of German refugees into their Zone of Occupation. The expellees were usually given only one hour's notice to get out of their homes. Except for the few things they could carry, all their worldly goods had to be left behind, not to mention three hundred years of cultural achievement. In Germany, the land of their forefathers, they were often regarded as foreigners by the natives. Yet the United Nations Relief and Relocation Agency tagged these now stateless people as "ethnic" Germans (a term coined by U.N.R.R.A.) and as such, like the vanquished Germans of Germany, not entitled to the food and comforts they provided for all non German refugees. So much for the "orderly and humane" expulsion of the Germans from Hungary!

When British occupation forces in Austria turned back all refugee trains from Yugoslavia it gave Tito's bloodthirsty partisans the excuse to deal with the ethnic Germans of Yugoslavia in their own way — by beating, knifing, shooting and starving them to death. Denied the protection of whatever laws were still in force after the Communists took power, the Danube Swabians were declared outlaws, non-persons. As such they were not entitled to any property, police protection, medical aid, shelter, or even the right to life! They became fair game for any partisan lout who wanted to take out his frustrations on them. Uncouth partisans usually followed the

Red Army into Danube Swabian towns. After the Russians had left they would round up a number of innocent people who they marched to an inn or a school. There, to the accompaniment of accordion music these loathsome creatures performed a macabre dance while stabbing helpless people to death. This frenzied bloodletting usually lasted all night, or until the murderers keeled over in a drunken stupor.

Many Danube Swabians could not bear to leave their homes in Yugoslavia, even when the guns of the Red Army could be heard in the distance. After all, what would they do as refugees in Germany where the cities lay in ruins and where there was no food? They felt that since they had broken no laws and had harmed no one no harm would come to them. Many were convinced that after the armies had passed by they would be able to resume their normal way of life which they were prepared to adjust to suit whatever form of government would be in power. Besides, during a war the best place to be was at home, they reasoned. How wrong they were!

Of the 650,000 Danube Swabians in Yugoslavia before the war practically none remain today. The able bodied men were worked to death in ancient mines and other unhealthy places. Over 30,000 young women were deported to Russia as slave laborers. More than a third of them never returned. Those who did will suffer for the rest of their lives from the effects of forced labor, the cold, malnutrition, and the crude accommodation. The 200,000 Danube Swabians who were still at home when the partisans took power; mothers with young children, old people and those unfit for hard labor, were forced to march to Tito's extermination camps where the majority perished due to disease, lack of medical attention, maltreatment, and officially enforced starvation. This was a particularly cruel death for decent rural people who had done more than their share to provide food for their fellow man. More than 50% of those who had not fled to the West perished in Tito's "peacetime" death camps. That's the highest per capita loss of life suffered by any European people, either during or after the war.

In the so-called Voivodina region of Yugoslavia entire rural townships as well sizable towns and cities were cleared of their German inhabitants. People were brutally forced from their homes with practically no prior notice. Those who resisted where summarily shot or bludgeoned to death. One would think that expulsions and murder on such a scale, especially since it was carried out openly and there were thousands of witnesses, would draw the attention of the news services. It didn't. No one would have thought that it could be covered up. Yet that's exactly what has happened — and the perpetrators literally got away with murder. In Yugoslavia there

is official silence on the subject. At the time of this writing, over half a century has passed since this happened. Yet, unbelievable as it may seem, in all that time nothing has been reported about it in the "free" Western press. Consequently people in North America know nothing about it. Why this conspiracy of silence regarding the officially sanctioned genocide of the German ethnic group in Yugoslavia? That question can only be answered by those who committed this crime — and those responsible for the cover-up.

After the war Romania did not immediately subscribe to mass expulsions of its Germans, except along the border with Yugoslavia where 30,000 Danube Swabians were forced to leave their homes. They were dumped on the bleak Baragan Steppes near the Black Sea, where they were left to fend for themselves. Today, almost forty-five years later, the Communist regime is bulldozing 8,000 villages inhabited by ethnic Hungarians and Germans. This is ostensibly being done to expand their collective farms, a bankrupt Communist idea that has caused hunger and misery wherever it's been enforced. The real reason for destroying the villages, of course, is to get rid of unwanted ethnic groups. The Communist regime, not satisfied with expropriating the farms and livestock of the Danube Swabians, has now stooped to commandeering vegetables raised by housewives in home gardens. Needless to say, with government interference at every turn people are desperate. Ironically, Romania once a net exporter of food, now cannot feed its people.

Most Germans would pack up and leave Romania but they cannot do so legally because the party bosses consider them a foreign exchange earning commodity, and a very lucrative one at that. Instead of exporting livestock the local Germans once produced, the Romanian government now sells the Germans themselves. The West German government pays a cool DM 8,000.00 per head for them. That's far more than they used to get for their hogs.

Besides getting paid for ridding themselves of an ethnic minority, the racist Communists (in Romania repression is often based on race) confiscate whatever property the hapless expatriates must leave behind. The ethnic Germans of Romania had nothing to do with the arrangements made by the two governments. Many of the people involved are pensioners who are saddled with a large debt as soon as they set foot in Germany. The ransom money the German government paid to the Romanian party bosses for their release is not a gift. It must be repaid. With the usual interest, of course.

Still, most of the people affected by this odious 20th century slave trade seem to think that their freedom is worth the price.

In this enlightened century Danube Swabians, a hardworking, decent, upright people, have been denied language rights in their own homeland, been subjected to enforced Magyarization, had their settlements partitioned, were forced to serve in various armies, suffered expropriation, deportation, expulsion, slavery and genocide. They were denied medical aid in Yugoslavia. When they were dying by the thousands in Tito's death camps a Swiss representative of the International Red Cross stationed in Belgrade explained away his inaction by stating that the ``Volksdeutsche" (ethnic Germans) of Yugoslavia did not come under his jurisdiction, but "were being cared for by colleagues of the Yugoslav Red Cross". What care? Those who fled their homeland and managed to reach Germany had to rely on food coupons issued by local German communities because U.N.R.R.A., too, denied them both food and shelter. What had these inoffensive Danube Swabians done to deserve such a fate? The truth is — nothing! Except that they tried to live in peace in a world dominated by bullies.

Danube Swabians are a gentle upright people and tend to tread softly upon this earth. They should do so, however, with heads held high for they have gone through an earthly hell without losing any of their virtues. No one has yet been able to deprive them of their moral values. Most still practice their religion, either Catholic or Protestant. Their native intelligence is still intact, as is their self-esteem, their good humor in adversity and modesty in prosperity. Nor have they lost their innate diligence and their eagerness to do an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. Danube Swabians in the West are survivors of an attempt by governments to wipe them out. They have gone on with their lives without unduly dwelling on the subject, and generally bear no resentment toward the good people among whom they once lived. They may have lost many of their kin, but none of their humanity.

The Danube Swabians in the refugee camps of Germany and Austria were eventually helped by kinfolk in Canada, the U.S.A., and other countries. Western statesman who had previously fed the ethnic Germans of Central and Eastern Europe to the wolves, so to speak, were ready to help when they realized that Russian bear they had so generously supported during the war was threatening to devour them. At the height of the "cold war" Churchill even commented "we have killed the wrong pig" To ease the refugee problem in Europe the occupying powers allowed stateless ethnic Germans to immigrate to any country that would take them. For the sorely tried

Danube Swabian refugees this was a godsend, an opportunity to leave the misery of Europe behind to start life anew in the New World.

In the diaspora Danube Swabians have become good citizens of Austria, Germany, Canada, U.S.A., Brazil, Argentina and Australia. They are an undemanding, self-reliant people and have prospered wherever they settled — without government handouts. Yet, this freedom and prosperity is threatening to do what adversity failed to do. It, and the fact that most of those who still call themselves Danube Swabians were not born in the Danube Swabian homeland, is gradually eroding their ethnic identity. Dedicated individuals, who are a credit to their ethnic community, do their best in various clubs to keep alive the customs and traditions of a lost homeland. At the beginning of this century there were 2,000,000 Danube Swabians. How many will be left in the year 2000? How many will still speak the Danube Swabian dialect? My guess is not very many. And that's a shame, because when a people loses its language, it also loses its soul!

Honest hardworking people the world over are not inclined to meddle in politics. Perhaps that's the reason why Danube Swabians who have lived for many years in relatively free countries still shun politics and rarely participate in the political process. Instead of putting pressure on politicians to help ease the repression of their brethren in Romania, they do what they know best, they help the hungry by sending them food parcels. That's a humane and laudable undertaking which certainly eases the hunger pains of the recipients. But, no matter how generous the donations they are but a drop in the bucket, and do not even begin to address a problem, which is political and can only be resolved by political action.

Some years ago I visited my birthplace in Yugoslavia. Prior to World War Two it had 6,000 German-speaking inhabitants. ***Only four still lived there on my last visit!*** The others suffered the fate of all Danube Swabians, they either fled or are buried in unmarked common graves in their homeland. An alien people has settled in the town. I was prepared for the rundown condition of the houses, the dirty streets and the desecrated cemetery, but was pleasantly surprised to see that the town's outstanding landmark, the beautiful baroque church was still standing, although it was boarded up. I was even more surprised to find that the bas-relief above the main door depicting Christ the shepherd tending his flock was practically undamaged, and that the German inscription etched into the plaster had not been destroyed. As I read: *Jesus Christ Unser Hirt Erbarme Dich Unser* (Jesus Christ our shepherd have mercy on us) tears came to my eyes for I knew that many of

the townspeople went to their grave convinced that even their God had forsaken them!

I also visited the market place in the county town. With so many of Tito's "colonists" present it had the flavor of an oriental bazaar. There were also some older Serbs, Magyars and Croats milling about. These indiginous people might have been former neighbors of the Danube Swabians. Some of them had risked their lives to provide food for the people in the death camps. Starving German children who stole out of camp at night to beg for food could knock on practically any door and be assured of getting something to eat, although the people often had little enough for themselves. Unlike their government, these compassionate people had not lost their humanity and helped their German neighbors in their hour of need. They also guided hundreds of escapees to safety in Hungary. Danube Swabians owe a debt of gratitude to these kind people. Were it not for them, when the camps closed in 1948 there would probably have been no survivors.

At the Congress of Vienna following the Napoleonic wars Prince Metternich, the Chancellor of Austria, was heard to remark to the British ambassador that "Asia begins at the Landstrasse". (The Landstrasse is the Viennese road leading east to Hungary) By his remark Metternich meant that at that time he did not consider Hungary to be a "European" country. It may be time to remind the world that it was the Germans (i.e. the Danube Swabians) who settled in Hapsburg Hungary (and lands now occupied by Romania and Yugoslavia) after the area's liberation from the Ottoman Turks, that transformed this unknown backwater of Europe into a thriving Western-oriented society. Danube Swabians should take full credit for this, their greatest achievement. Their descendants can take pride in the fact that their ancestors achieved so much with so little encouragement, against such formidable odds. That the region is now firmly in the grip of the Eastern Bloc is not the fault of the Danube Swabians. The credit for that goes to the statesman who signed the Potsdam Agreement.

There are no monuments in the Pannonian Lowlands to remind the traveler that German-speaking people once dwelt there. The present rulers pretend that they had never existed. Still, for some time after the war a plaque on which a German verse was inscribed remained fastened over the entrance of the parish church of the Danube Swabian town of Parabutsch (Yugoslavia). This well-known verse was written over 150 years go by Steven Augsburger, a Catholic priest-cum-poet. Because it describes in a nutshell how the Danube Swabians feel about the acquisition of their homeland it, together with a free translation, bears repeating:

Nicht mit dem Schwert, mit der Pflugschar erobert: Kinder des Friedens Helden der Arbeit."

(Not with the sword, with the plowshare they conquered:
these children of peace and heroes of toil)

This plaque, if affixed to a proper pedestal, would have been a fitting monument to the Danube Swabian pioneers to whom it was originally dedicated. But, alas, like the upright German-speaking people who once lived, loved and died there, it too, is gone!

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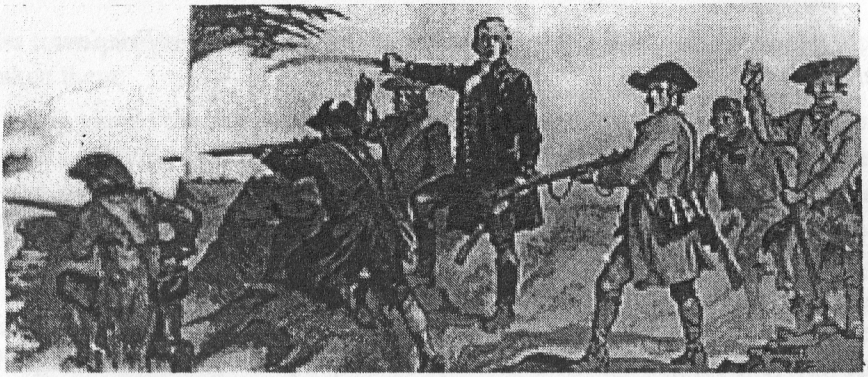
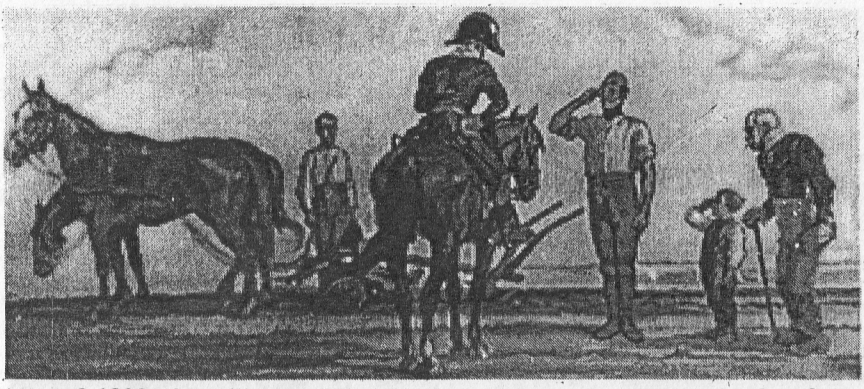
The German Knights move eastward down the Danube, to do battle with Attila the Hun, as recounted in the famous Nibelungen Saga.

In 1718, after the Battle of Belgrade, Swabian and other German pioneers, moved into the marshy Danube area, to cultivate the inhospitable land.



In 1788, Jacob Hennemann successfully — and against overwhelming enemy forces — defended the German settlement of Werschetz with only 75 men.



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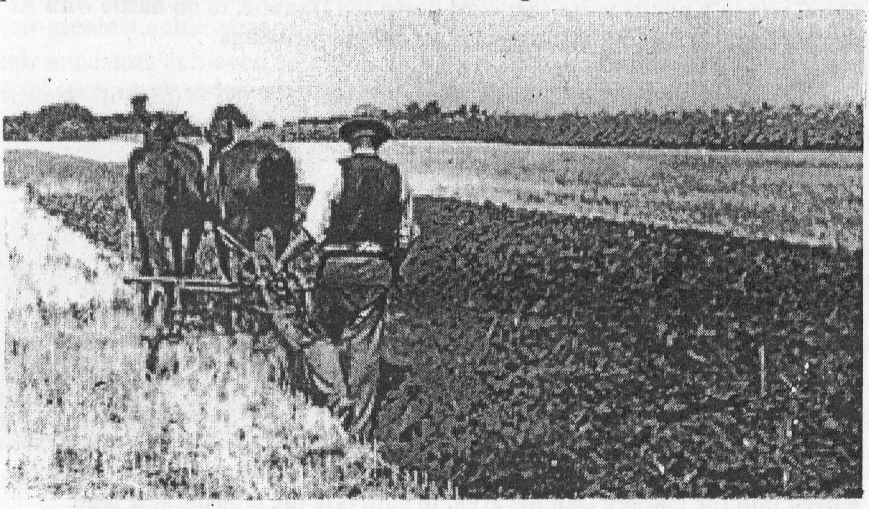
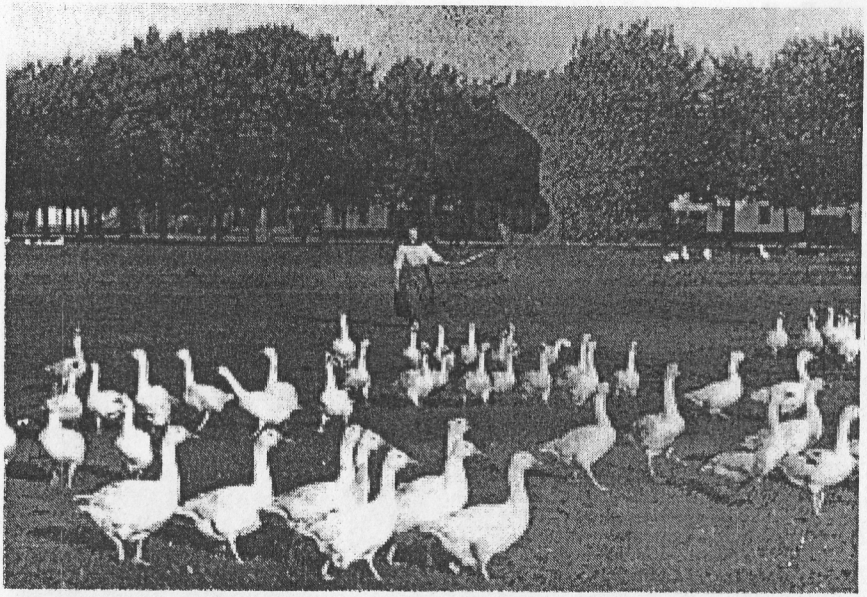


Turning malaria-infested swamps into the 'Bread Basket of the Balkans.'

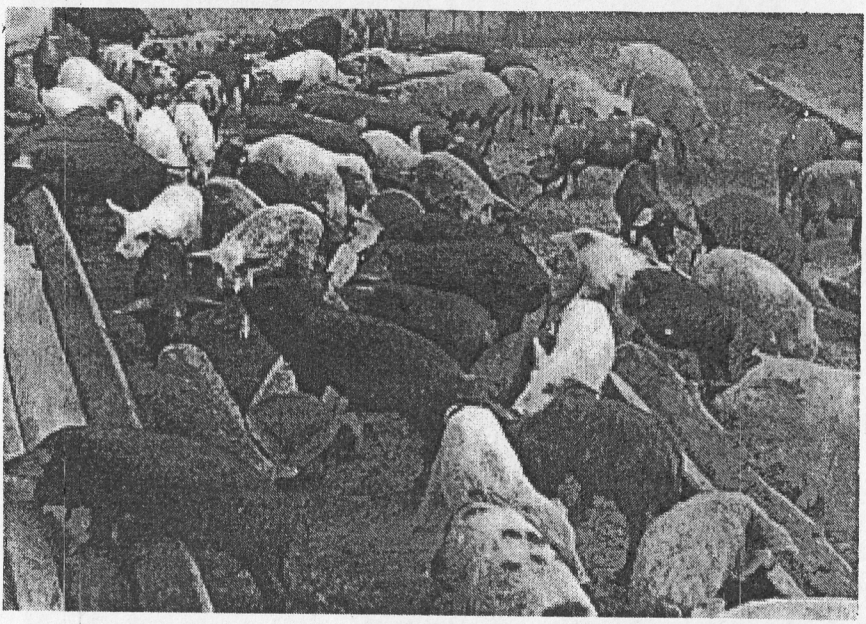
By the sweat of their brow, working from dawn to dusk . . .

These simply hardworking peasants and artisans turned a wasteland into a veritable paradise.

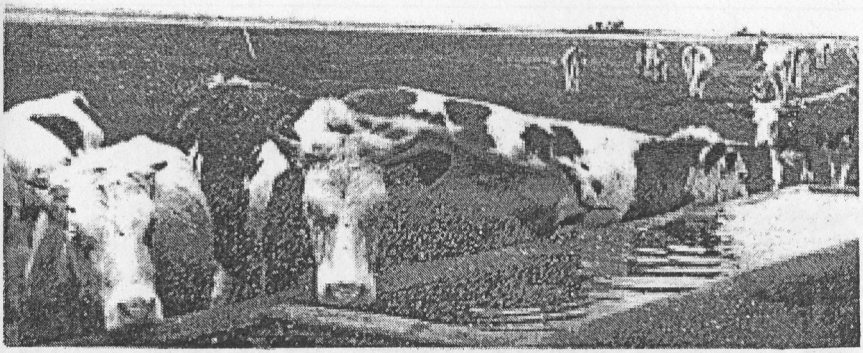
Before W.W.II, the Danube Swabians, only 4.7% of the Yugoslav population, produced 67% of the country's agricultural exports.



In 1940, the Danube Swabians were responsible for 40% of the processed milk, even though they comprised only 7% of the population.



In Romania in 1938, the Danube Swabians, only 3.2% of the population, produced 59% of the country's total hog exports.



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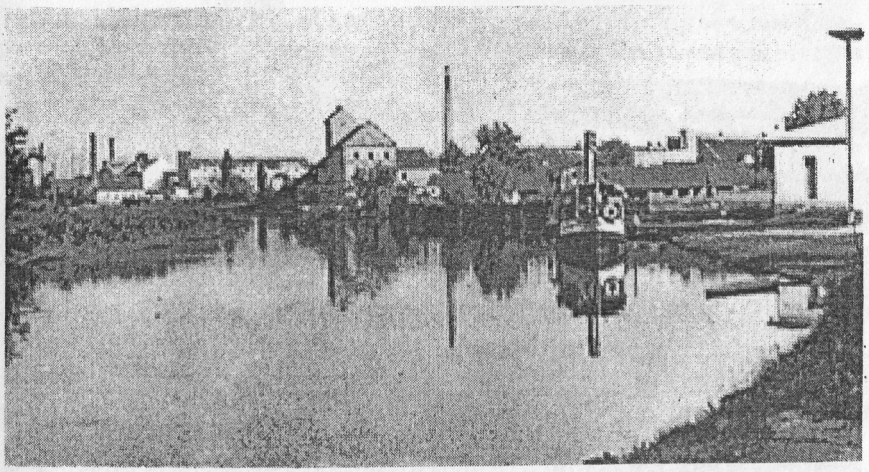
Clean villages, neat rows of trees, well-kept lawns and fences . . .



Canals were dug by back-breaking labor, to allow barges to take grain and produce directly to the heartland of Europe . . .

Where there were only swamps, malaria and mosquitoes before the Germans came . . .

There were now towns with tree-lined avenues and magnificent churches.

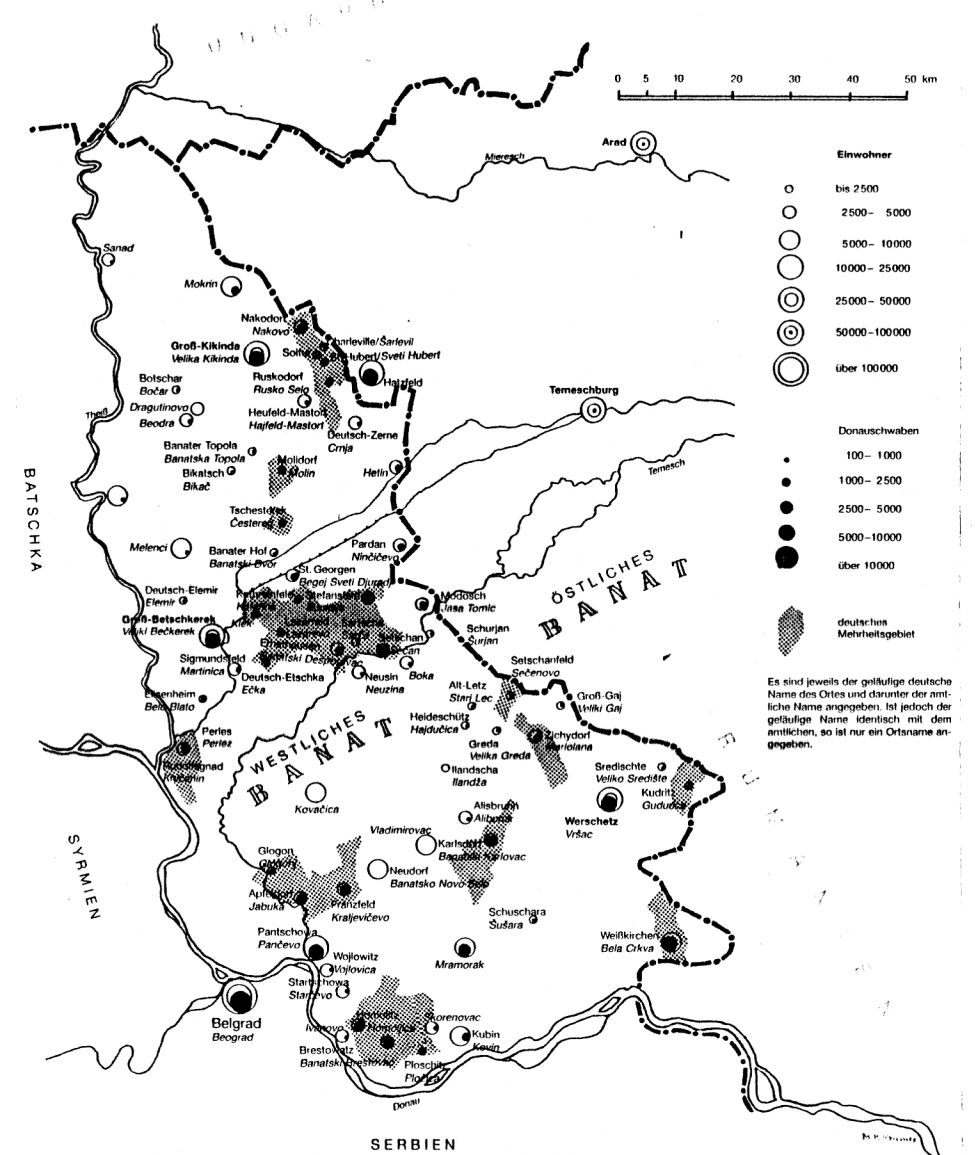
This map shows the German population areas in this region before the war.

DONAUSCHWÄBISCHE SIEDLUNGSGEBIETE (schraffiert dargestellt)
in Österreich-Ungarn bis zum Ende des Ersten Weltkrieges und in den Nachfolgestaaten Ungarn, Jugoslawien, Rumänien nach dem Ersten Weltkrieg. Grenzen und Namen der Nachfolgestaaten sind grün eingezeichnet.

(Quelle: J. V. Senz, Donauschwäbische Siedlungsgebiete, München 1974)

This map shows the area of heaviest German setlements in the area. Compare these to the bombing targets of NATO today. The stolen property is now pulverized. Karma is being done!

The Germans' fate . . . American and British policy 1944-1948



BANAT UND SERBIEN

Das westliche Banat wurde nach dem Ersten Weltkrieg Jugoslawien, das östliche Banat Rumänien und ein kleiner nördlicher Teil Ungarn zugeteilt.

Deutscher Bevölkerungsanteil im westlichen Banat und Serbien 144000 Personen

(Quelle: Amtliche Volkszählung 1931)

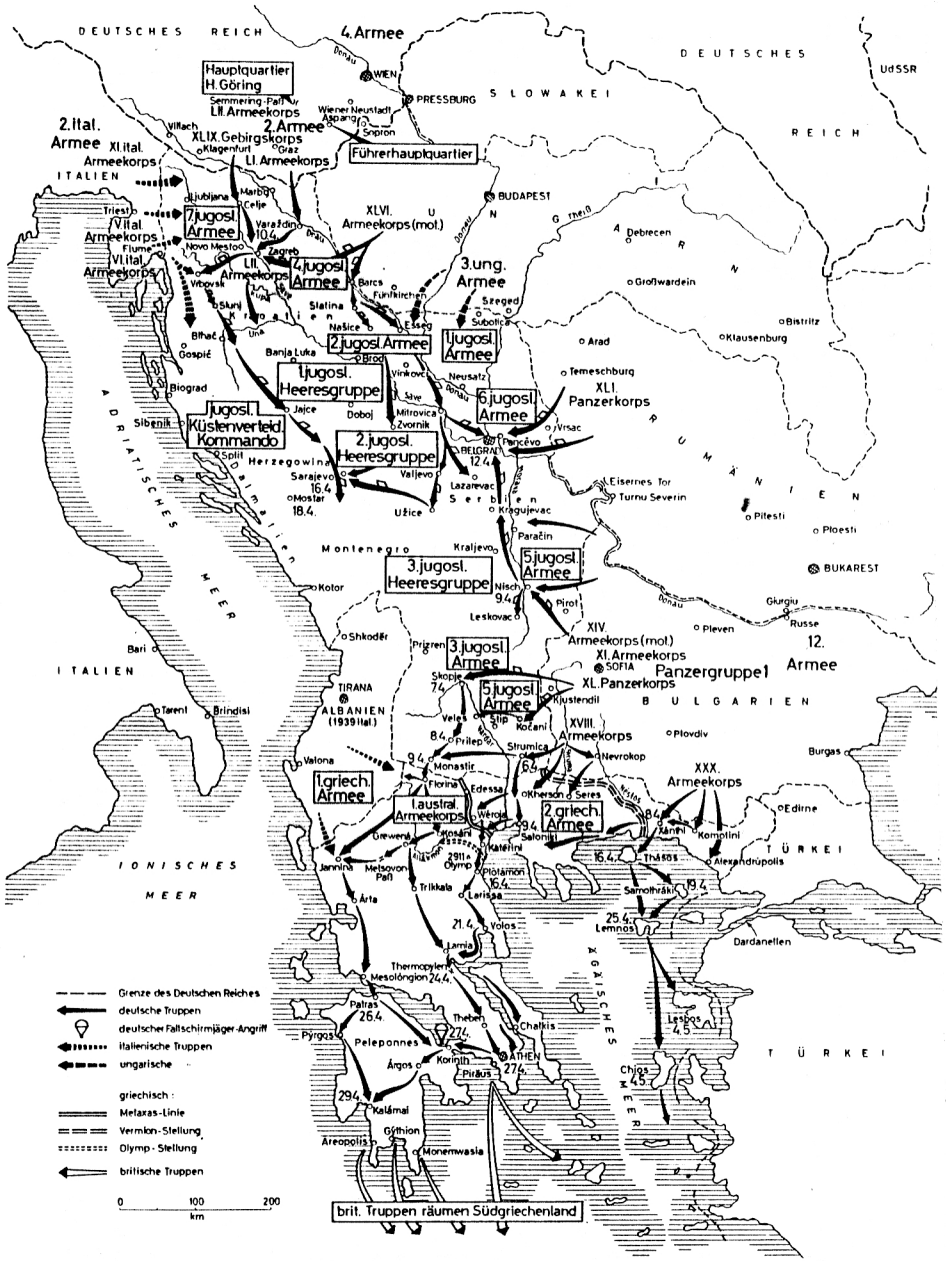
Danube-Swabian settlements in the Balkan area, have existed for hundreds of years. They were "ethnically cleansed" in 1944-1948. Tens of thousands died — hundreds of thousands were brutalized, starved, beaten, raped and worked to death in camps of unspeakable horror — at the hands of Tito Partisans, trained and supported by Moscow, Washington and London.

Es sind jeweils der geläufige deutsche Name des Ortes und darunter der amtliche Name angegeben.
Ist jedoch der geläufige Name identisch mit dem amtlichen, so ist nur ein Ortsname angegeben.

BATSCHKA
Deutscher Bevölkerungsanteil 180000 Personen
(Quelle: Amtliche Volkszählung 1931)

The gray screen area in this and other maps represents the area where the Germans were in the majority until they were ethnically cleansed, due to Allied policies formulated in Yalta and Potsdam. The black dots represent the number of Germans in any given town or city. The smallest black dot represents 100 Germans; the largest, 10,000 and over (1931 census).

DIE OPERATIONEN WÄHREND DES BALKANFELDZUGES IM APRIL 1941



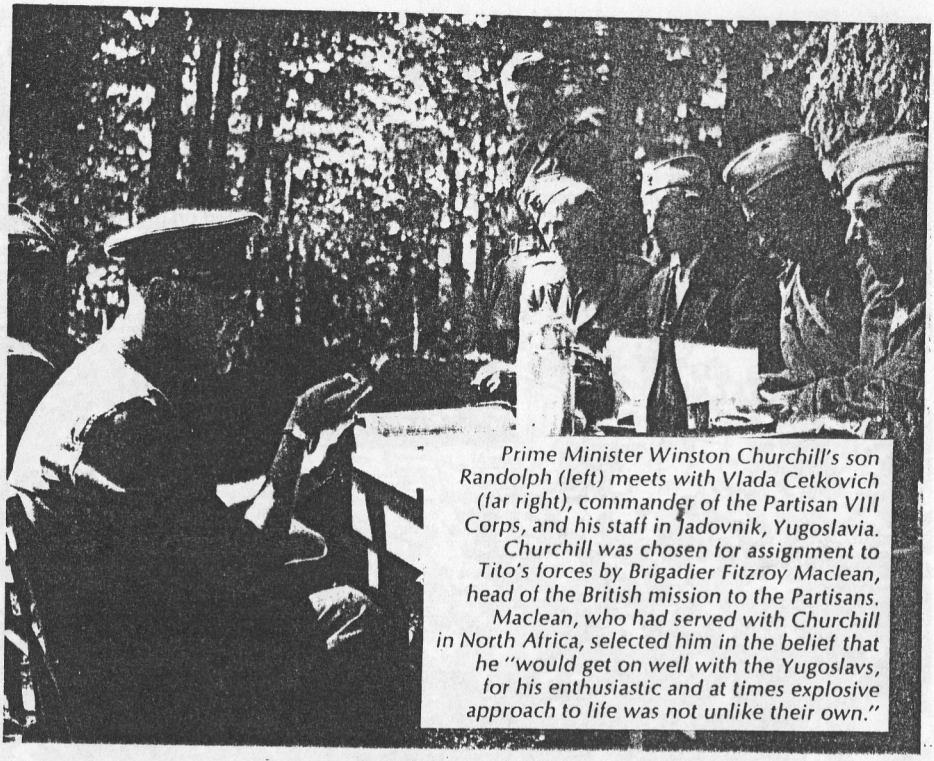
Hitler's "Blitzkrieg" occupied and pacified the whole Balkan area within weeks, and caused a minimum of damage to property, little loss of life, and virtually no ethnic cleansing.

Guarded by Partisans, a column of weary German prisoners winds its way through the dirt streets of Uzice, Yugoslavia, in October of 1941. The highly mobile Partisans were so short on transportation, food and facilities for caring for prisoners that when they abandoned Uzice the following month, they released 250 Germans. But as the fighting became more bitter, prisoners and wounded were frequently executed on the spot.

German prisoners captured by already then operating Communist Yugoslav partisans. Even Allied publications are beginning to admit the truth of the brutality and lawlessness of partisan forces — trained and supplied by the Soviets and Western Allies — as in the above-reproduced caption from a *Time-Life* book on 'Partisans.'

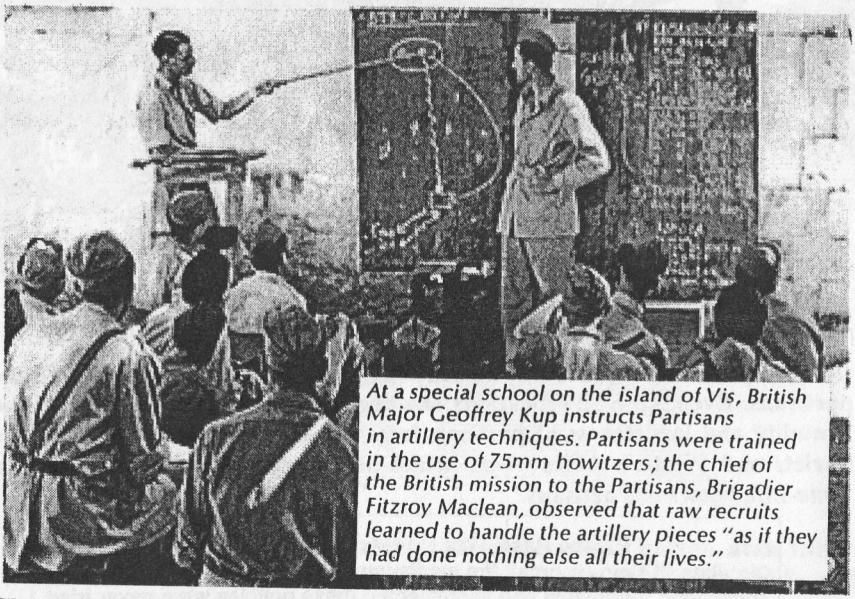
Please Pass This Booklet On To Friends!

Circulate It! Help us break the media-imposed censorship on this issue. Those who formulated and implemented these policies were never tried. The Allied murderers walk free, while German soldiers are dragged from geriatric wards to courts all over the world. *Help right this wrong!*



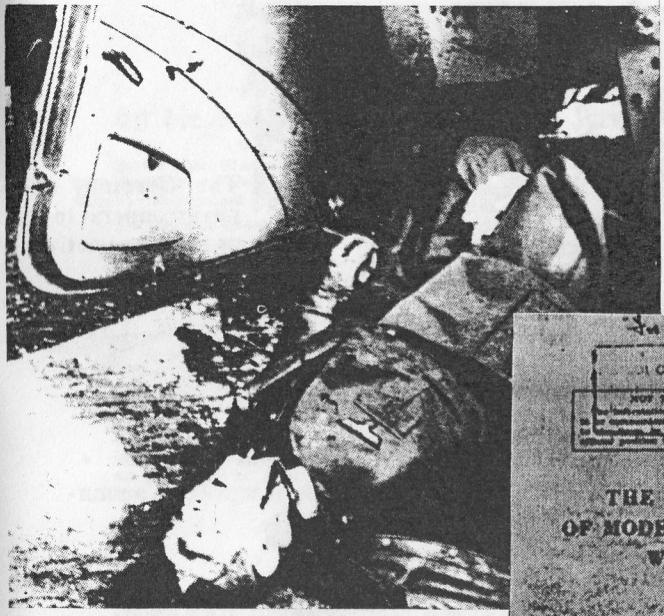
Prime Minister Winston Churchill's son Randolph (left) meets with Vlada Cetkovich (far right), commander of the Partisan VIII Corps, and his staff in Jadovnik, Yugoslavia. Churchill was chosen for assignment to Tito's forces by Brigadier Fitzroy Maclean, head of the British mission to the Partisans. Maclean, who had served with Churchill in North Africa, selected him in the belief that he "would get on well with the Yugoslavs, for his enthusiastic and at times explosive approach to life was not unlike their own."

Plotting cold-blooded murder!



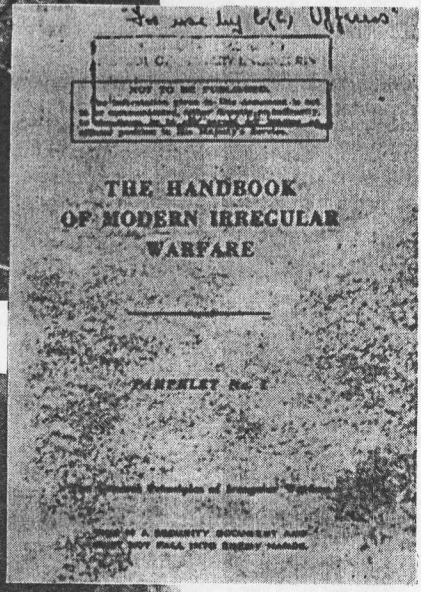
At a special school on the island of Vis, British Major Geoffrey Kup instructs Partisans in artillery techniques. Partisans were trained in the use of 75mm howitzers; the chief of the British mission to the Partisans, Brigadier Fitzroy Maclean, observed that raw recruits learned to handle the artillery pieces "as if they had done nothing else all their lives."

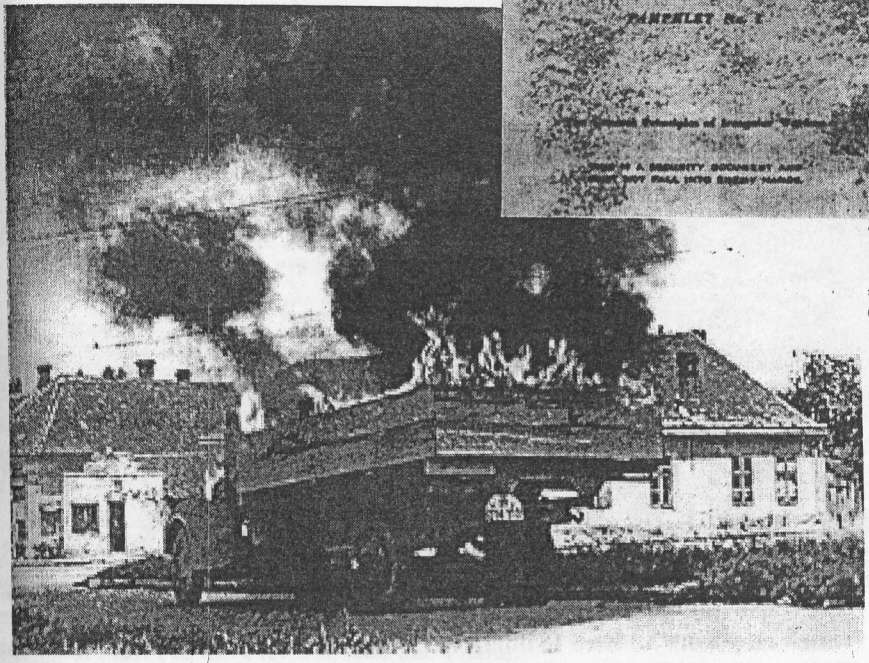
Churchill's involvement and guilt in the partisans' murderous campaign in the Balkans are clearly depicted in the photos and text from a *Time-Life* book on 'Partisans.'



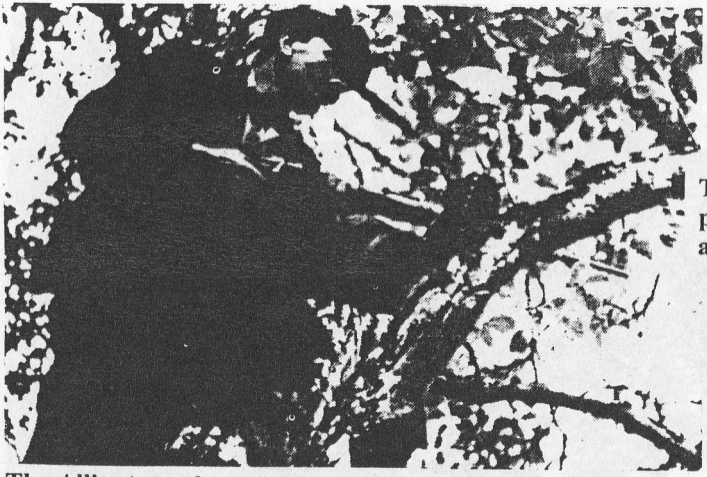
A German officer, killed in an ambush by partisans.

This British produced handbook on "how to murder" cost the Germans millions of casualties, both military and civilian, during and after World War II.



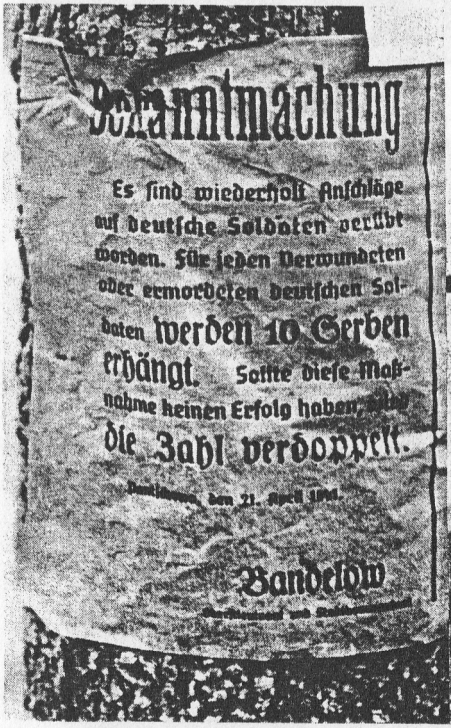


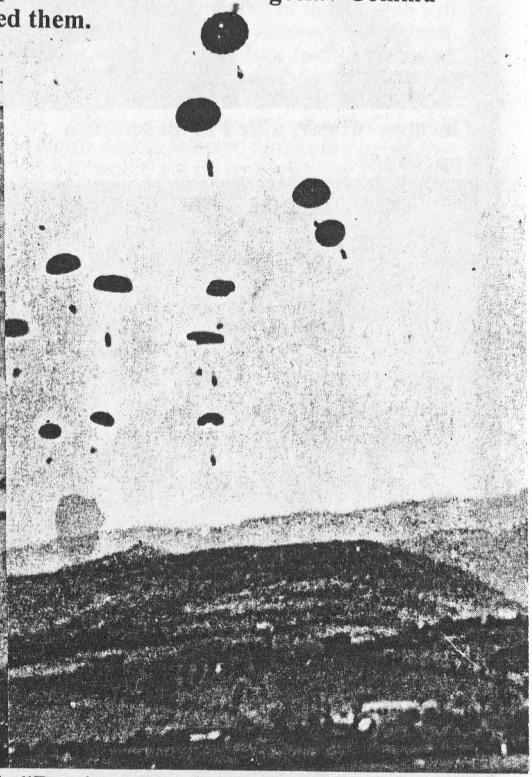
The partisans sabotaged trucks, rail transport, army columns. They murdered German soldiers and civilians alike by the thousands during — but especially — *after* the war!



The Germans drop paratroopers to get at the Tito partisans.

The Allies turned over German anti-partisan units to the Yugoslav Communists after the war, who then murdered them.


Bekanntmachung
Es sind wiederholt Anschläge auf deutsche Soldaten verübt worden. Für jeden Verwundeten oder ermordeten deutschen Soldaten werden 10 Serben erhängt. Sollte diese Maßnahme keinen Erfolg haben, wird die Zahl verdoppelt.
Bandelow



The Germans responded to this "Partisan Warfare" with punitive measures, which they were entitled to do by the Geneva Convention — and the Hague Rules of Land Warfare. Thousands of German military men were imprisoned and killed by the Allies after the War because they defended themselves against these attacks by cutthroats, bandits and murderers.

Anordnung

an die deutsche Bevölkerung im Kreise Lwowek

In den letzten Wochen haben im Kreise Lwowek unverantwortliche Individuums aus der deutschen Mitte eine Reihe von Sabotageakte ausgeübt und dadurch die von den polnischen Behörden angeordnete Ordnung und Sicherheit gefährdet.

Zur gänzlichen Sicherung und Ruhe aller Einwohner des Kreises wird folgendes angeordnet:

1. Sämtliche Deutschen, die bisher polizeilich noch nicht gemeldet sind, melden sich nun binnen 24 Stunden vom Tage dieser Anordnung in den Meldeämtern der Stadtverwaltung bezw. Gemeindevorsteher.
2. Die Bewegungsfreiheit der deutschen Bevölkerung ohne Passierschein ist nur innerhalb der Stadt- bezw. Dorfgemeindegrenze gestattet.

   Wer sich außerhalb der Stadt- oder Dorfgemeinde begeben will, bedarf eines Passierscheines, welcher von der Stadt- bezw. Dorfgemeinde gegen Bezahlung einer Gebühr von 2 zloty ausgestellt und von der Milicja Obywatelska bestätigt wird. Wer sich von den Deutschen nach außerhalb des Kreises begeben will, bedarf ebenfalls eines Passierscheines, der von der Powiatowa Komenda Milicji Obywatelskiej in Lwowek [Kreis-Polizeibehörde] gegen Bezahlung einer Gebühr von 5 zloty ausgestellt wird.
3. Es wird den Deutschen verboten ihre Wohnung eigenmächtig zu wechseln. Die Genehmigung hierzu erteilt die Stadtverwaltung bezw. der Gemeindevorsteher im Einvernehmen mit der Milicja Obywatelska gegen Entrichtung einer Gebühr von 10 zloty.
4. Das Umhergehen auf öffentlichen Straßen und Plätzen in Gruppen von mehr als 2 Personen, sowie das Halten der Hände in den Taschen ist verboten.
5. Verboten ist den Deutschen der Aufenthalt außer ihrem Hause in den Stunden, und zwar:

im Monat	September	von 20 —	6	Uhr
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   Die bei den Behörden, Staats- oder Stadtunternehmungen während den Polizeistunden beschäftigten Deutschen erhalten spezielle Nachtausweise, ausgestellt von der Milicja Obywatelska.
6. Das Uebernachten von Deutschen und Ausländern, die sich zuvor beim polnischen Schulzen, Gemeindevorsteher, Bürgermeister oder beim Posterunek Milicji Obywatelskiej nicht gemeldet haben, ist streng verboten.
7. Die Haustore, zu den von den Deutschen bewohnten Grundstücken, die bisher ständig zu waren, müssen in der Zeit von 6 Uhr bis zur gegebenen Polizeistunde des betreffenden Monats geöffnet bleiben.
8. Sämtliche Deutschen im Alter von 10 Jahren ab müssen am linken Arm eine weiße Binde tragen. Deutsche, die bei einer Behörde, Staats- oder Stadtunternehmungen arbeiten, tragen weiße Armbinden mit der ausdrücklichen Aufschrift in polnischer Sprache wie Ż Zarząd Miejski w Milosnej, Elektrownia we Lwowku, Fabryka Azbestu w Gryglogorze. Das Tragen anderer, z. B. blauer Armbinden, ist verboten.
9. Der Milicja Obywatelska sind sofort abzugeben, und zwar:

   Waffen und Munition aller Art, Radioapparate, Telefonapparate, Kraftfahrzeuge, Kraftfahrräder, Fahrräder sowie Teile für: Kraftfahrzeuge, Kraftfahrräder und Fahrräder, Schreibmaschinen, Rechenmaschinen, Waffenröcke, Wolldecken [Militär], Militärstiefel, Ferngläser.

Die Deutschen, die von einer polnischen Behörde zur Benutzung eines Fahrrades die Genehmigung besitzen, betrifft die Abgabe nicht

Wer von den Deutschen über einen Aufbewahrungsort von Waffen, Munition und anderen obengenannten Gegenständen Kenntnis hat, ist verpflichtet bei der Milicja Obywatelska sofort Meldung zu erstatten.

Die Nichtbefolgung obiger Verordnung wird mit dem Tode oder mit schweren Arbeitslagern bestraft werden.

Die Anordnung tritt mit dem Tage der Bekanntmachung in Kraft.

Pelnomocnik Rzadu R.P.
na Obwod 32 Dolnego Slaska we Lwowku.

Lwowek, den 21. September 1945.

The dehumanizing procedures and regulations imposed on the Germans all over Eastern and Southern Europe which were sanctioned by the Yalta and Potsdam Agreements, are unparalleled in modern history. Every German from the age of ten up, had to wear a white armband. Doors to German homes had to be kept unlocked. Nobody was allowed to stay with Germans, without the express permission of the authorities. A special pass had to be purchased to leave town to tend one's fields.

Weapons, ammunition, radios, telephones, motor vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles, as well as spare parts for these, along with adding machines, uniforms, blankets, military boots and binoculars, had to be turned over to the authorities — without compensation, of course!

Erhalten von Wilhelm Scholz aus Neuweistritz Kr. Habelschwerdt. Jetzt in Halver, Oktober 1973

Transport Nr. 9

WAGON Nr. 37

Komendant wagonu Wagenältester: Scholz Wilhelm

L.p. Lfd. Nr.	Nazwisko i Imię Name und Vorname	Data urodzenia Geburtsdatum	Zawód Beruf	Mężczyzn Männer	Kobiet Frauen	Dzieci Kinder	Art. spożywcze Lebensmittel: chleb Brot	masło Fett	cukier Zucker	mięso Fleisch
1	Scholz Wilhelm	9. 6. 97.	Arzt	1			6			
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3	Neumann Alfred	21. 3. 91.	Landwirt	1						
4	" Marta	25. 4. 21.	Ehefrau		1					
5	" Alfons	19. 3. 39.	Sohn	1			1½	½		
6	" Karl	15. 7. 43.	"	1						
7	" Richard	18. 3. 28.	"			1				
8	Wolf Richard	9. 5. 99.	Rentner	1			7		½	
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10	Seppel Helmuth	28. 2. 35.	Schüler			1				
11	Geinlax Agnes	16.11. 03.	Witfrau		1					
12	" Hedrig	23. 3. 26.	Hausgehilfin		1		1½			
13	" Annelies	22. 9. 39.				1				
14	Enkner Hinrich	27. 3. 38.	Sohne			1				
15	Fiedel Elisabeth	23. 6. 31.	"							
16	Gehrbuch Maria	8. 3. 11.	Hausfrau							
17	" Karl	16. 6. 35.								
18	" Annelies	20. 2. 31.								
19	Katzer Gabriele	14.12. 21.	Hausgeh.							
20	" Hans-Joachim	3. 1. 43.								
21	Seidel Adolf	6. 7. 13.	Maurer							
22	Schmidt Karolina	11. 7. 81.	Witwe							
23	Tauts Marta	22. 6. 79.	Rentn.							
24	" Anna	23. 7. 71.	"							
25	" Thurgse	6.11. 74.	"							
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27	" Irmgard	28.12. 33.								
28	" Karl-Heinz	12. 2. 45.								
29	" Erika	8. 7. 4..								
30	Albrecht Anna	25. 2. 07.	Hausfrau							
31	Kaubisch Anna	18. 2. 17.	Rentn.							
32	Hoffmann Sofie	12. 5. 07.	Witwe							
33	" Rosemarie	19. 7. 38.								

Druckerei Zentrowa — Miedzyrzecz (P. 4033)

Cattle Cars! Lists! Hollywood and other propagandists have always made a big deal about cattle cars and Jews being deported with only what they could carry! Jewish Kommisars and Bolsheviks have done this since 1917 — to Russians, Poles, Germans, whomever they hate at any given time.

Sonderbefehl

für die deutsche Bevölkerung der Stadt Bad Salzbrunn einschliesslich Ortsteil Sandberg.

Laut Befehl der Polnischen Regierung wird befohlen:

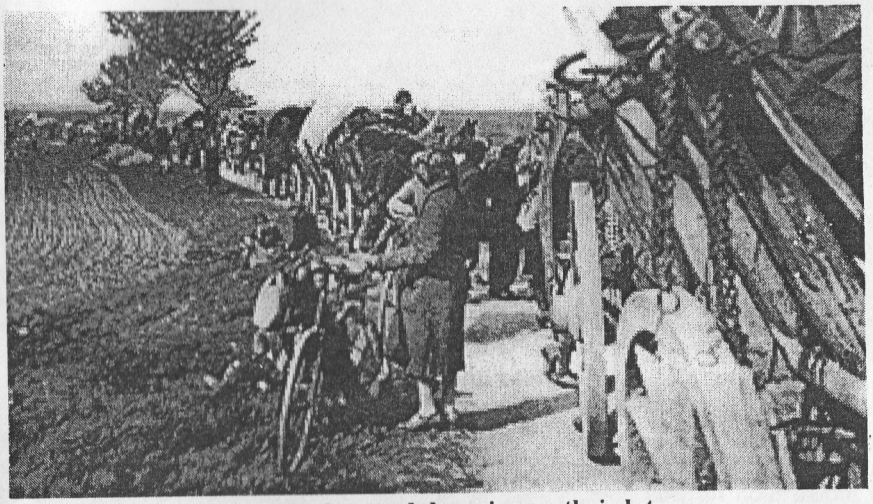
1. Am 14. Juli 1945 ab 6 bis 9 Uhr wird eine Umsiedlung der deutschen Bevölkerung stattfinden.
2. Die deutsche Bevölkerung wird in das Gebiet westlich des Flusses Neisse umgesiedelt.
3. Jeder Deutsche darf höchstens 20 kg Reisegepäck mitnehmen.
4. Kein Transport (Wagen, Ochsen, Pferde, Kühe usw.) wird erlaubt.
5. Das ganze lebendige und tote Inventar in unbeschädigtem Zustande bleibt als Eigentum der Polnischen Regierung.
6. Die letzte Umsiedlungsfrist läuft am 14. Juli 10 Uhr ab.
7. Nichtausführung des Befehls wird mit schärfsten Strafen verfolgt, einschließlich Waffengebrauch.
8. Auch mit Waffengebrauch wird verhindert Sabotage u. Plünderung.
9. Sammelplatz an der Straße Bhf. Bad Salzbrunn-Adelsbacher Weg in einer Marschkolonne zu 4 Personen. Spitze der Kolonne 20 Meter vor der Ortschaft Adelsbach.
10. Diejenigen Deutschen, die im Besitz der Nichtevakuierungsbescheinigungen sind, dürfen die Wohnung mit ihren Angehörigen in der Zeit von 5 bis 14 Uhr nicht verlassen.
11. Alle Wohnungen in der Stadt müssen offen bleiben, die Wohnungs- und Hausschlüssel müssten nach außen gesteckt werden.

Bad Salzbrunn, 14 Juli 1945, 6 Uhr.

Abschnittskommandant
(-) Zinkowski
Oberstleutnant

Allied ethnic cleansing!
. . .The teachers of Milosevic!

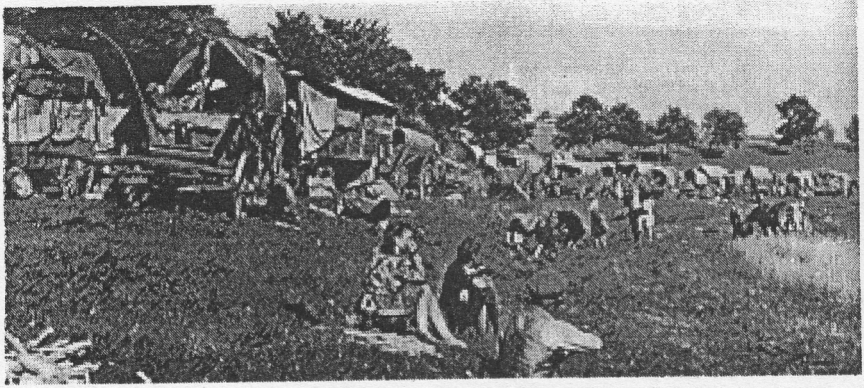
Ethnic cleansing orders — Approved by Churchill, Roosevelt, Truman and Stalin for 15-17 million Germans. They stipulate in part: "... no wagons, oxen, horses, cows are allowed to be taken ... the entire *live* and *dead* inventory must be left undamaged to the authorities. Keys in apartments, shops or houses must be left in the keyhole outside. All doors have to remain unlocked. Only 20 kilograms can be taken in luggage. Any non-compliance will bring severe consequences, including the use of weapons.



Fatigue, fear and despair was their lot.

Ethnic Germans fleeing for their lives . . .

Leaving ancestral homes behind, with only what they could carry.



Millions shared this fate!

In endless columns, the expelled were driven westward, raped, robbed, humiliated, left to their own fate. There was no international effort to help them — no crocodile tears on CNN. The American and British press never reported this horror. The world turned a blind eye to their suffering.